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MEMORANDUM

TO: Intermediate and Local School District Superintendents
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FROM: Venessa A. Keesler, Ph.D. *V. Keesler*
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SUBJECT: 22.i Technology Readiness Infrastructure Grant Request for Proposal

The Michigan Legislature has provided another \$45 million in Technology Readiness Infrastructure Grant (TRIG) funds in 2013-2014 to assist public school districts, public school academies (districts), and intermediate school districts (ISDs) develop or improve technology infrastructure in preparation for the planned implementation in 2014-2015 of online growth assessments. In an effort to streamline the application process, the TRIG has been divided into three parts: District Participation, Consortium Leadership, and Statewide Activities.

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) invites districts and ISDs to apply for the TRIG for both District Participation and Consortium Leadership. The grant Request for Proposal (RFP) is available for viewing at <http://www.techplan.org/technology-readiness/>.

The eligibility requirements for districts to participate include:

- Individual districts and ISDs must demonstrate need by completing the Michigan Technology Readiness Assessment tool (MTRAx) by December 20, 2013.
- Individual districts and ISDs must agree to complete an updated technology readiness planning process designated by the department by June 30, 2014.
- For an ISD to be eligible, the ISD must demonstrate that funds awarded on behalf of constituent districts will enable cost savings.
- Added consideration will be given to applicants that propose external partnerships and articulate plans for sustainability beyond grant funding.

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District Participation allows all districts and ISDs to participate and receive funding. The MDE has allocated up to \$15 million for District Participation. Every district that meets eligibility and participation requirements qualifies to receive **\$10/enrolled pupil** based on the Fall 2014 Michigan Student Data System (MSDS) count.

District Participation applications are available in MEGS+ and are due on or before December 20, 2013.

Consortium Leadership invites districts and ISDs to competitively apply to act as leaders of regional and statewide consortia. In Year 2, existing consortiums must apply for continuation. The MDE intends to support no more than twelve consortia. Consortium leaders will receive an award of at least \$80,000 plus an additional \$0.50/per pupil enrolled in districts and ISDs participating in the consortia.

Consortium Leadership applications will be available in MEGS+ on November 22, 2013 and are due on or before December 20, 2013.

For more information on the District Participation and Consortium Leadership RFP for the TRIG, please contact Bruce Umpstead (umpsteadb@michigan.gov) or Amanda Stoel (stoela@michigan.gov) or call 517.373.8480.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance